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- Claims **1-14, 17 and 18** are currently pending;
- Claims **15, 16 and 19-32** are withdrawn;
- Claims **1-14, 17 and 18** stand rejected;
- Claims **17 and 18** are canceled;
- Claim **1** is amended;
- Claims **33** is new;
- No new matter has been added;
- Claims **1-14 and 33** are in condition for allowance.

1. Claim Rejections – Section 102(b)

Claims **1, 2, 5-8 10, 13, 17 and 18** stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,655,961 to Acres et al.. (“Acres” herein).

With regard to claim **1**, Applicants note that claim **1** is amended herein to more particularly recite that entry into the bonus game is provided *wherein at least one attribute of the bonus game is different than the at least one attribute otherwise would be if entry to the bonus game was not provided based on the first time matching the second time*. Support for this amendment may be found, at least, page 84, first full paragraph, of the specification. No new matter has been added. Applicants further assert that that Acres does not teach or otherwise suggest this element of claim **1**, nor does the Examiner assert that Acres does so teach. As a result, claim **1** is in condition for allowance.

As all of claims **2, 5-8 and 10** depend upon claim **1**, and incorporate all of the elements and limitations of claim **1**, they are likewise in condition for allowance. Claims **17 and 18** are cancelled.

2. Claim Rejections – Section 103(a)

Claims **3, 4, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 14** stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,655,961 to Acres et al.. (“Acres” herein).

Applicants note that, as all of claims **3, 4, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 14** depend upon claim **1** and incorporate all of the elements and limitations of claim **1**, claims **3, 4, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 14** are likewise in condition in allowance.

C O N C L U S I O N

For the foregoing reasons it is submitted that all of claims **1-14 and 33** are now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's early re-examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Alternatively, if there remains any question regarding the present application or any of the cited references, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Jeffrey Ambroziak at telephone number (203) 461-7317 or via electronic mail at jambroziak@walkerdigital.com.

A petition for a two month extension of time is required at this time and is filed herewith. If any additional fee should be necessary for the present Application at this time (or any time during the prosecution of the present Application), please charge any such required fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-0271. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

Respectfully submitted,

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